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1. This communication is responsive to <u>amendment 4/29/04.</u>		
2. ☑ The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>13-17,19 and 20</u> .		
3. The drawings filed on are accepted by the Examine	ег.	
 4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority unally a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the: 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). * Certified copies not received: 	e been received. e been received in Application No	
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with attorney Gerald Shekleton on 6/4/04.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the abstract: The first sentence, "The invention pertains to a method and apparatus allowing for gas flow into and/or out of a container assembly", has been deleted, and "The container assembly" in the beginning of the second sentence has been change to – A container assembly --.

In the claim:

In claim 13, line 18, after "flexible", -- lip – has been inserted.

In claim 17, line 1, "f claim 13" has been changed to - of claim 13 --.

Claim 18 has been canceled.

- 2. The proposed drawing correction and/or the proposed substitute sheets of drawing, filed on 12/4/03 have been approved.
- 3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LIEN TM NGO whose telephone number is 703-305-

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0294. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM -6:00 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, LEE YOUNG can be reached on 703-308-2572. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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